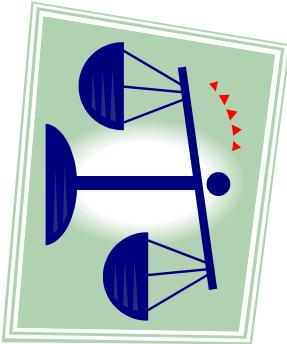


# North Carolina Certified Paralegal

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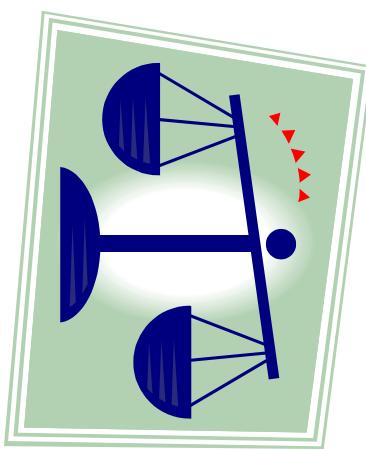


## Why Should You Become A North Carolina Certified Paralegal?

- It demonstrates your commitment to the paralegal profession.
- It provides recognition that you have met high professional standards.
- It enhances the quality of legal services you provide to attorneys.
- It helps you stay current in the legal field.
- It makes the hiring process easier—your credentials are already verified.

### The Board of **Paralegal Certification**

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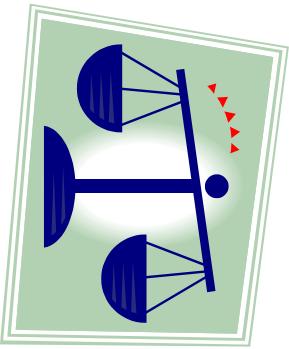
## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The paralegal profession has seen significant and progressive growth since its birth in the mid-1960s.

Paralegals no longer work just in traditional environments such as law firms and governmental agencies. The

profession is expanding into corporate legal departments, paralegal teaching positions, freelance paralegal services, and paralegal management positions. Paralegals are also applying their paralegal skills to other careers. The profession is no longer considered a stepping-stone to law school. Furthermore, the days of paralegals working without formal education are steadily declining.

As a North Carolina paralegal you have an exciting opportunity to demonstrate your professionalism by choosing to become certified. The Plan for Certification of Paralegals was adopted by the North Carolina State Bar and approved by the North Carolina Supreme Court in 2004. It is a voluntary certification program that allows paralegals certified by the NC State Bar to use the title "North Carolina Certified Paralegal" and "NCCP" and to demonstrate that they have met high professional standards.



## QUALIFICATIONS TO APPLY TO BE A NORTH CAROLINA CERTIFIED PARALEGAL THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

- At least a high school diploma and 5000 hours of experience working as a NC paralegal during the 5 years prior to application and 3 hours of CLE in ethics OR
- CLA, RP, or other national paralegal credential approved by the board and 2000 hours of experience working as a NC paralegal during the 2 years prior to application OR
- Six hours of CLE including one hour of ethics is required each year for NC Certified Paralegals.
- Initial application fee is \$125.
- No test is required until July 1, 2007.
- Applications will be accepted beginning July 1, 2005.
- Applications are available from the NC State Bar.

For information on The Plan for Certification of Paralegals, please visit our website:

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